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REMARKS

This letter is responsive to the Office action dated May 3, 2004.

The Office action requires election of a single disclosed species from among the following:

1. Species 1 drawn to Figs. 1-3 (claims 1-19, 37 and 42-44); and
2. Species 2 drawn to Fig. 4 (claims 2-36, 38-41, and 45-48).

Applicants respectfully traverse the election requirement only on the grounds that species 2 (claims 2-36, 38-41 and 45-48 is drawn to Figs. 4 and 5 (not just Fig. 4)).

The above traverse of the election requirement notwithstanding, applicants hereby elect the species of group 2 for further consideration. Claims 2-36, 38-41 and 45-48 read on the elected species. Claims 1-19, 37 and 42-44 have been canceled by this amendment.

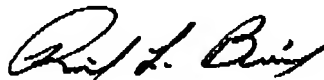
Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected claims.

New claims 49-54 depend from claims 20 or 38 and are submitted to also read on the elected species.

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Claim 24 is amended herein to improve the form of the claim and not for reasons related to the patentability of the claim.

Respectfully submitted,



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